GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:33
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NATIONAL SCIENCE POLICY
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have announced the National Science Policy;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the main objectives of the policy and the reaction of people who are likely to be benefited therefrom?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT)

(a) to (c) A statement is attached.

STATEMENT AS REFEREED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 33 DUE 18.02.2003 REGARDING NATIONAL SCIENCE POLICY

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. The Government has recently announced a `Science and Technology Policy 2003` recognizing the changing context of the scientific enterprise, and to meet the present national needs in the new era of globalization. The policy reiterates India`s commitment to participate as an equal and vigorous global player in generating and harnessing advances in science and technology for the benefit of all humankind.

(c) The policy enunciates various objectives which include advancement of scientific temper; ensuring security of basic needs; alleviation of poverty along with employment generation in rural & urban regions through S&T interventions and networking; strengthening of S&T infrastructure in Universities & academic institutions to attract bright young students to careers in research & development; autonomy along with greater flexibility to academic and R&D Institutions; empowerment of women in science & technology; ensuring national security; S&T interventions to add value to traditional knowledge and its preservation; international science & technology cooperation; strengthen enabling mechanisms for technology development, absorption and up-gradation; establish an conducive and supportive Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) regime; promoting close and productive interactions between private and public institutions in science and technology including industry sector etc. The poli! cy document has been well received by the scientific community.